

# Strong law, order helped UP in devpt journey: Awasthi

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Advisor to the chief minister and former additional chief secretary, home, Awanish Awasthi on Friday said that strong law and order, which is the backbone of growth, helped the state leapfrog to the top spot in the country under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Speaking at the Uttar Pradesh Transformation Dialogues, Awasthi said, "UP has best conviction rate in the country. Constant monitoring and intervention from senior officials help in resolving public grievances within a short span of time."

"From 14 minutes, the emergency response time has come down to six minutes. Police response vehicles (Dial 112) are reaching the spot to rescue people in distress. Efficient systems can only be established through clear vision and proper action plan," Awasthi said.

Emphasising the need to



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prosecute criminals to send a strong message, Awasthi said: "Guns were not assigned to policemen just for show. If the need is felt, weapons will be used. Criminals need to be shown their place. He added the police brass, apart from taking instant action, was also working in the background to ensure that criminals were put behind bars for their deeds.

He said the Yogi govt worked on improving participation of women in the police force. Through transparent recruitment drives, the state inducted lakhs of personnel into the force, taking the strength of the force from 2.5 lakh to 5.5 lakh, he said.